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# Melinda S. Jeffries, M.A.

## Experience

- 10 years experience in Title I programs serving as a Title I Teacher (inclusion, and pull-out programs), Supervisor, and Team Teacher. This experience includes Title I programs in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.
- 6 years as a Classroom Teacher (current assignment – third grade). This assignment involves coordination and team teaching with both Title I and Special Education staff.
- Currently on the development team for the schoolwide application for Beaverton Primary School. The school is currently targeted assistance and is moving to schoolwide Title I.
- Served as school improvement co-chairperson during the Beaverton Elementary School's NCA accreditation process.
- Title I teacher on staff at Beaverton Elementary School when building received the Golden Apple Award.

## Strengths

- Excellent communicator and group facilitator.
- Strong leadership qualities with direct and current experience in how the school improvement process impacts both classroom teaching and overall building climate.
- Firsthand knowledge of the development of a team building approach, how to facilitate building planning, and how to build collaboration and buy-in within building staff.
- A current, personal understanding of the pressures and expectations placed on educational personnel in Michigan.
- A belief and understanding of how the school improvement process and Title I programming can build a team approach, create focused and smart strategies for staff, and build overall school success in this high pressure, high stakes environment.
- A strong belief in the school improvement process and the positive impact it can have on the educational system of a building and community!
- Personal experience in Northern Michigan's rural, high poverty school districts and the special issues that these districts face.

***"Dreams begin, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you on to the next plateau..."***